

**DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**Monday  
September 9, 2002  
7:00 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center  
2700 N. Woodland  
Lounge Clubroom**

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The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at Evergreen Recreation Center located at 2700 N. Woodland. In attendance were (12) District Advisory Board Members, (7) City staff members and (14) citizens.

**Members Present**

Florena Schenewis  
Jaya Escobar  
John Cohoon  
Dick Rumsey  
Linda Matney  
Bickley Foster  
Maurine Willis  
Rosalie Bradley  
Kyle Irvin  
Bob Wine  
David Pendergraft  
Annie Best alternate

**Members Absent**

Bob Schreck /excused

**Guest(s)**

listed at end

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order**

**Council Member Fearey** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests.

**Approval of Minutes**

August 5th minutes were approved as submitted. (**Cohoon/Wine 10-0**)

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was revised to move the OCI presentation to item 2. The agenda was approved as revised. (**Willis/Matney 10-0**)

**Member Schenewis** arrived at 7:05p.m.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**Council Member Fearey** thanked *John Van Walleghen* for serving two years with the District Advisory Board. His first year served was with Joan Cole and then his second year with me. John is the president of the Benjamin Hills NA and also served with the 25<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Task Force.

The Benjamin Hills new DAB representative will be **Dick Rumsey**. Mr. VanWalleghen receives a certificate of appreciation for his work and a small gift for all his dedicated time spent. We will now hold a short reception.

Also, we introduce *Annie Best* as a new DAB alternate. In the absence of other DAB members, Ms. Best will be present and vote during the meetings.

*Officer Santiago Hungria* was the community Police officer for the Riverside area and has now been promoted to detective. He will be leaving us and everyone is sad to see him go. Good Luck to you.

Break for reception 7:10 p.m.

Return at 7:20 p.m.

At this time, **Council Member Fearey** asked DAB members to introduce themselves and the area they represented. We will adjust the agenda again to include the redistricting presentation before the OCI presentation. Both presenters also need to attend the DAB V meeting tonight.

### **PUBLIC AGENDA**

*Joe Wilson, 1652 Westlynn, will discuss Westdale Street Improvements.* Mr. Rick Wilson thanked DAB VI for listening to the last proposal that was presented and we are here tonight to discuss changing signaling at Zoo Blvd. We propose adding a second turn lane on Westdale at Zoo. See attachment 1.

**Council Member Fearey** commented she would show this proposal to Steve Lackey, Public Works Director and Scott Logan, City Traffic Engineer. Thank you for your efforts.

**Member Pendergraft** stated if the numbers work out he would support this proposal. He has driven this area many times. Council Member Fearey please talk to Steve and Scott about this.

**Member Wine** agreed this was a good idea and encourages staff to review.

**Member Matney** felt this was a great idea. She travels this area three times a week.

**Council Member Fearey** asked Mr. Wilson if he had taken this to the Benjamin Hills Traffic Study group?

*Mr. Wilson* commented it was great working with Scott Logan. This proposal needs to be looked at right away. Once Westdale is torn up this plan should be included. I'm talking to City Council tomorrow to try and get this approved.

### **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

#### **1. Community Police Report**

*Officer Hungria/Patrol West Beat 11* stated nothing special has been happening in August. I have wrapped up lots of projects. Riverside picnic project is still happening weekly. I want to thank DAB Members for all you have done. You have been patient listening to me stand up here and give my reports. It's very hard to say good-bye.

*Officer Ryan/Patrol North* also commented that August had been a slow month. I'm working with Central Steel Company at 420 w. 10<sup>th</sup> they are putting in signage and barriers. I have done three one block clean ups on 1200 N. Jackson, 1300 Wellington and 1300 Lewellen. There have been lots of drug complaints in this area. We are working on towing cars; a new ordinance will be passed in a month to allow us to tow vehicles. Continue to send vehicle complaints and we'll check on them after the ordinance is passed.

\*\*\*\*\* Action taken: Receive and File

2. **Proposed City Council Redistricting**

Jack Focht (on behalf of Nile Dillmore, appointee for District VI) representative of the Commission of Electors presented the Committee's recommendations for City Council Redistricting. An ordinance passed by City Council states that all districts should have equal population with 5% variance. Council Member Fearey and I served together four years ago on this same committee. With the rapid growth of the City and the 2000 Census, the redistricting was brought forward sooner than planned. Mr. Focht proceeded to describe the different characteristics of each district and the reasons for the changes.

Member's comments and issue discussion included: clarifications regarding the precinct areas (629, 629S and 630S), proposed being changed to District 1. This is an area located on the West side of I-135 and divides these residents with much industrial property between the remainder of District 1. Will these residents be served properly, their needs met, and they have nothing in common with District 1? One DAB VI member lives in this area where will that leave him. Another clarification is three neighborhood associations Delano, Orchard Breeze and Sunflower will be divided between Districts 1 and 6. Orchard Breeze neighborhood association is in opposition of this change. Delano precinct area (434) why couldn't that be changed to District 6? When will these changes go into effect?

Mr. Focht commented there would be a redistricting meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2002 at City Hall in the first floor boardroom for anyone who would like to speak before the committee. The committee then will give their final report to City Council before the end of the month.

\*\*\*\*\* Action taken: Received and file

3. **Office of Central Inspection Update**

*Deb Legge, Neighborhood Inspection Supervisor*, gave an update of Neighborhood Inspection activity (Housing, Zoning and Graffiti enforcement). Legge reviewed OCI procedures pertaining to Condemnation, Graffiti, Housing, Zoning, and Emergency board-up. We have started training for nuisance codes and the health department is now working with our software Tidemark (code enforcement). After the first of the year there will be a more formal presentation by Matt Jordan, Kurt Schroeder and Jack Brown to explain the new process.

**Member Rumsey** asked how many total inspections for the city? Ms. Legge responded there are 12,000 inspections with each inspector working on 400 – 500 active housing cases. Graffiti inspections in July showed District VI has the most. At this time last year there were 1250 cases and already this year we have had 1978. the end of July, showed 43 clean ups and District VI had the most volunteers. There will be 79 total. Nov 16<sup>th</sup> will be the last weekend for clean-ups. Most neighborhoods are holding larger clean-up areas instead of two small clean-ups. Applications packets for next year will be mailed in December. There will be a lot of behind the scenes activity getting ready for next year clean-ups. OCI did not have a full staff until July of this year. Some of the inspector's areas have been changed around. District VI inspectors are Julie Irvin- Midtown, Jay Stalkup North of 25<sup>th</sup>, Jan Lister- Delano and West and Andrea Johnson with a small part of District VI.

**Member Wine** asked if someone in District 1 could report a complaint in District VI? Ms. Legge responds we take complaints by referral, ourselves, and anonymous then we just take care of the problem. We respond, investigate and follow-up.

**Member Foster** suggested that we review the code violations numbers by district. Ms. Legge responded that would be something she would look into.

**Council Member Fearey** thanked Deb Legge for her presentation.

\*\*\*\*\* Action taken: Receive and file

4. **Historic Midtown Neighborhood Plan Review**

*Dave Barber from the Planning Department* stated that one staff member; Nalini Johnson has been responsible for working with residents and stakeholders in Historic Midtown to develop a neighborhood plan. The Midtown Plan boundaries are from Murdock to 18th Street, the Little River to Santa Fe. Mr. Barber distributed pamphlets explaining the Historic Midtown Neighborhood Plan (HMNP).

**Council Member Fearey** came to us early in the year to discuss a plan for Midtown. She wanted to see a revitalized area for future use of the abandoned railroad corridor and to address inappropriate zoning. One way versus two way streets also was an issue and had previously been discussed at the DAB. This needed to be readdressed. A steering committee was formed and they have been busy validating planning issues with a vision statement for future priorities. The area is a large Hispanic area and a meeting was held to introduce them to this plan but the meeting had poor turnout. Nalini went to Horace Mann School and gathered information from the children. We plan to work with the *Hispanic Chamber of Commerce* for future involvement. A trolley tour was very informative for committee members and an eye opener because of some areas for key planning decisions on land uses.

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> a public meeting will be held on one way versus two way streets. Notices will be sent out to residents. After that, we hope to develop a draft plan and again take to the community with vision goals. Early 2003, we will bring the plan back to the DAB, then to MAPC and to City Council for adoption.

**Member Escobar** asked how did you get notices out to the Hispanic community because this is the first I have heard of this? Mr. Barber responded announcements through churches and businesses and anyway we could get the word out was used.

**Council Member Fearey** commented there had been one public meeting after the steering committee was developed.

**Member Bradley** wanted to know when the moratorium had been set and if it was set for residential building? Mr. Barber responded the moratorium was set on May 14, 2002 for one year and to be reviewed in six months. The moratorium is for no new commercial or industrial building developments until the Midtown Plan is adopted.

**Council Member Fearey** commented that Habitat for Humanity started a new home in the Midtown area after the moratorium was set.

\*\*\*\*\* Action taken: Receive and file

## **BOARD AGENDA**

### **5. Delano Neighborhood Plan follow-up**

DAB VI members attending the DAB meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup> for District IV to hear about the Delano Neighborhood Plan gave brief follow-ups.

**Member Wine** stated that most of the complaints and or suggestions were from people outside of the Delano area. They were personal groups with business ties.

**Member Bradley** felt criticisms of not a whole plan or concept of the plan. The plan was well presented and well thought out.

**Member Pendergraft** commented it was a good plan. Their steering committee did a good job. I believe Historic Midtown Neighborhood Plan has the same concept. Zoning needs to be looked at for commercial and industrial to be in appropriate areas. Mr. Barber, Planning stated that 170 people from Delano were in support of this plan. Some people didn't agree with the overlay guidelines. The guidelines are still being tweaked, but we are moving forward.

**Council Member Fearey** asked how DAB IV voted on this plan? Mr. Barber responded DAB IV would not accept the proposal as submitted.

*Ray Rancuret, Delano Neighborhood President* thanked the DAB members for attending the meeting to show support for the plan. Our neighbors support this plan and we like that the City is supporting and guiding us.

\*\*\*\*\* Action taken: Receive and file

### **6. Plaza Mexico letter**

Members made minor adjustments to the letter. Directions were given to the neighborhood assistant to correct and mail the letter. See Attachment 2

\*\*\*\*\* Action taken: Approve and send

### **7. Problem Properties**

DAB Members are given the opportunity to identify and report problem properties throughout District VI.

- Accidents under Westdale at I-235- Fence needs repair
- 1937 Burns- Used car lot on street and backyard. owner got a dealers license has graveled his back yard for cars.
- Cars on the West side at 36th and Womer are parking on Sunday to be sold. Last Sunday there were 15 cars.
- 1707 and 1709 Garland working on the garage for a year now.
- 2225 W. 24th. Car parked on lawn with cover.
- 2213 W 24th Trees and grass growing high
- Topeka and Pine high weeds

\*\*\*\*\* Action taken: Receive and propose appropriate action

8. **Neighborhood Reports**

**Sherwood Glen NA:** We were given a neighborhood matching grant for concrete abutments and setting of a steel walkway over a drainage bridge. Cornejo Construction demolished the bridge that had been donated for this project. Now, we will be receiving a bridge from Newton, but it will cost more than estimated. We are selling Entertainment books for the remaining cost of the bridge and to include handrails.

**Orchard Park NA:** The neighborhood clean up we had been held during the three inches of rain that fell in West Wichita. We were all soaked but enjoyed it anyway. We filled two dumpsters and 4 tire trucks.

**North Riverside NA:** We will be having a car show on September 16<sup>th</sup>. We will have hotdogs and ice cream.

**WIN (Wichita Independent Neighborhood):** General meeting will be Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The presentation will be on EMS (Emergency Medical Services). It will be at the United Way building at 5:30.

**Member Escobar** announced: *American GI Forum* will be hosting a celebration of Mexican Independence Day at Twin Lakes on September 14 and 15. Proceeds go to scholarships. It will be on Sat from noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 8 p.m.

**La Placita Park NA:** Our National Night Out celebration went well and we had a good turnout. No one from the City attended. The marathon I ran in Alaska made \$300 for the association.

**Member Irvin** announced the *North High School* ground breaking for the new parking lot would be this Thursday.

**Council Member Fearey** commented that *National Night Out* next year could be held in conjunction with the *Clean Water Relay*. The *Clean Water Relay* will be for residents and Neighborhood Associations to get involved and put stickers on storm drains to keep people from dumping hazard material into them. There has been some discussion about putting filters on the storm drains. Four neighborhoods have already signed up to assist with the relay.

\*\*\*\*\* Action taken: Receive and file

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> combined DAB meeting with DAB IV. Meeting to be held in the City Council chambers at City Hall, 455 N. Main. 6:30 p.m. is scheduled for planning cases. At 7:30 p.m. the 1st and 2nd Street outfall at West Street will be heard. The neighborhood assistant will notify you of your time to be there.
- 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Paving: Staff has been ordered to work with this area. The street will be blacktopped and not paved.
- Bed and Breakfast in Midtown: Passed at City Council.
- Paving for Hood and Arkansas on 31<sup>st</sup> street has to be rebid.
- Car Wash for 21<sup>st</sup> near Westdale will be heard at Council tomorrow.

**Member Bradley** asked if we see high grass getting mowed and put into the street, do we call OCI? **Fearey** responded No; you call environmental health, and take pictures or get a license plate number.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal  
6<sup>th</sup> District Neighborhood Assistant

**GUESTS**

Ray Rancuret	Delano, 232 S. Millwood, 67213
Toni Timpy	Delano, 1113 W. Douglas, 67213
Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence, 67203
Jack & Gloria Flentje	155 N. Quentin, 67208
Kathy Dittmer	823 Litchfield, 67203
Joe Wilson	1652 Westlynn, 67212
Rick Wilson	4011 Bella Vista, 67212
Wendell Turner	2623 Fairview, 67204
Charlene & John VanWalleghen	2524 Hyacinth, 67204
Berle Willis	3834 Woodrow, 67204
Jack Focht	Redistricting committee chair

**STAFF**

Officer Santiago Hungria	Patrol West
Officer John Ryan	Patrol North
Deb Legge	OCI
Dave Barber	Planning
Jeanne Goodvin	CMO
Lt. Jeff Weible	Patrol West
Shawn Bosticte	Wichita Police Dept